

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 242 - SB 303**

March 8, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all written examinations administered to applicants for a driver license or intermediate driver license to be in English.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures – Exceeds \$66,500 Recurring**

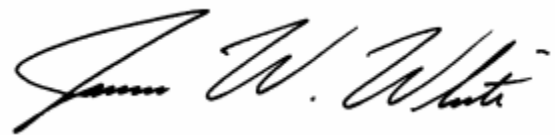
**State Expenditures – Cost Avoidance - \$23,800 One-Time**

Assumptions:

- A recurring decrease in state expenditures from not printing Spanish language study guides and from not providing paper exams in Spanish.
- A cost avoidance of state expenditures from the cancellation of foreign language upgrades to the automated testing devices.
- In addition to English, tests are currently administered in Spanish, Korean and Japanese. The Korean and Japanese version are available only through the automated testing device.
- The Department of Safety believes there will be no reduction in the amount of tests given. Prior to the conversion of the tests to these foreign languages, applicants were allowed to use a dictionary while taking the test, just as applicants who speak a foreign language other than these three currently do.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director